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Docket No.: 057454-0093

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Shinichi KOBAYASHI, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 09/843,165	:	Group Art Unit: 2818
Filed: April 27, 2001	:	Examiner: Vu Anh Le

For: ELECTRICALLY PROGRAMMABLE AND ERASABLE NONVOLATILE  
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE AND OPERATION METHOD THEREFOR

**FOURTH STATUS INQUIRY**

Mail Stop Status Inquiry  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on April 27, 2001. Since more than five years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, and further no response has been received to the Status Inquiries filed September 27, 2004, May 20, 2005, June 27, 2005, and April 20, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application.

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